

# School Council Minutes

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April 26, 2022 Meeting starts: 7:02 pm

## **Principal's Report**

Registration update - so far less than 300 confirmed for next year. Staffing meeting next week. Likely will be around 600. Some reports suggest that the new website might be a bit more difficult to use for demographic registration.

The Government announced Division 1 curriculum confirmed for September. Will be a challenge for teachers as they have to be ready for the Fall. This Friday teachers will be outlining where they need support. The Division has made it clear that support for teachers with the new curriculum is a priority.

Thanks to the fundraising association for their support of DancePlay, it went very well over the week.

Would like a school growth plan goal for parental engagement as part of our School Growth planning process. Like to get a goal for the School Council. Propose to circulate a doc among council for ideas to foster more parental involvement. Will circulate and ask for ideas.

There is also a \$500 grant available for school councils to help with parental involvement. Will suggest that the money be used for June 23rd year end BBQ.

Fundraising Association question: Do we know how much the BBQ usually costs? Not sure what to plan for. Last few times used M & M precooked burgers. We do have BBQs and tents. Usually takes place on the tarmac at the back of school. Parents can bring blankets and chairs. Karla will likely play some music and maybe host a sing along. We can have a variety of activities. Even the mascot can make an appearance.

Shortest Principal's report ever? Perhaps!

## **Inclusion Committee**

Contract reward for inclusive playground. Will be part of the existing playground. Some worries about security. Maybe we can install or reposition cameras. Hopeful construction will be done by the fall. 8 to 10 weeks for construction. Playground likely will need to be closed during construction. This will affect use at the beginning of the school year. Build will begin as soon as equipment arrives.

Package of awareness symbols or ribbons planned for next year to help people mark special days. Especially those who don't have a variety of coloured shirts. Trying to hit all the things people will relate to.

Getting ready for the Sensory Sock Hop May 27th.

Next meeting May 26th at 7:30. Will be a hybrid model.

Exciting to have the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Will do an Inclusion Fair (instead of an Invitational Meeting) to help promote inclusion and the committee next year. Our goal is to have a committee at all schools.

## **Fundraising Association**

Pizza Day (May 27), two popcorn days (May 18 and June 1) coming up. June popcorn day raising funds for grade 6 classes. Bath bombs fundraiser a win-win. Very easy to work with bath bomb lady (Candace) - have over 200 orders presently. Raised over \$1200. Nice to support local business.

Also did Growing Smiles - double from winter orders. Ordered a few extras for last minute demand. Delivery is May 9th. Pickup at the school that week.

As a committee of only three people, a lot of work. Would be nice to get more members. Will develop info packets to help promote the Association. BBQ would be a great time to promote the Association. Vertical banner would be a good promotion. You could also wear t-shirts. Learned a lot this year. Already planning with Milanos for next year's hot lunch program.

Looking into a program to help manage the hot lunches.

Also excited for Staff Appreciation BBQ coming in June.

Association is doing an excellent job, especially given the lack of long term members to help guide them.

Next meeting date May 31 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm